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1. HERewith TEXT OF UK PAPER SETTING OUT SOME GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON CBMS. PAPER TO BE TABLED AT AUGUST 13 POLADS. ACTION: REQUESTED GUIDANCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY: CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. WE WANT AN AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE CSCE COULD NOT BE MET WITHOUT
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PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS ACQUIRING GREATER CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER'S MILITARY INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES;

B. THAT PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESS THE CLEAR POLITICAL INTENTION TO GIVE EFFECT TO PRECISE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES;

C. THAT SUCH MEASURES ARE OF A KIND WHICH PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WILL IN FACT PUT INTO EFFECT, THUS STRIKING A FAIR BALANCE BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

IN DEFINING SUCH MEASURES DUE ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE INTEREST OF THE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

2. WE WANT AN AGREEMENT ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRES WHICH WOULD IN PRACTICE INVOLVE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN NOTIFYING TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES MOST OF THE POLITICALLY AND MILITARY SIGNIFICANT MANOEUVRES WHICH TAKE PLACE ON THEIR TERRITORY IN EUROPE (IN THE CASE OF THE SOVIET UNION ONLY A PART OF ITS TERRITORY WOULD BE INVOLVED BUT WE MUST ENSURE THAT IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL PART). THERE SHOULD BE NO COMMITMENT TO NOTIFY SEPARATE AIR AND NAVAL MANOEUVRES BUT A CLAUSE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATING STATES TO NOTIFY SUCH MANOEUVERS IF THEY SO WISHED.

3. WE WANT AN AGREEMENT ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS IN WHICH IT IS RECOGNISED THAT NOTIFICATION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONFIDENCE BUILDING, AND WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE, THOUGH NOT COMMIT, PARTICIPATING STATES TO NOTIFY. THERE SHOULD BE NO COMMITMENT TO STUDY THE SUBJECT FURTHER AFTER THE CONFERENCE, BUT THIS POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN.

4. WE WANT AN AGREEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATING STATES TO BE LIBERAL IN INVITING SUCH OBSERVERS AND HELPFUL IN FACILITIES WHICH THEY WOULD PROVIDE FOR THEM.

5. ON ADDITIONAL CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES WE WISH TO SATISFY LEGITIMATE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED ASPIRATIONS BUT IN A WAY CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN SECURITY AND THE NATURE OF THE CSCE.

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GUIDELINES

6. A. ALL THE PARTICIPATING STATES SHOULD BE INVOLVED AND BE ABLE TO BENEFIT.

B. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AREA OF APPLICATION SHOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATORY.

C. THE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE SUCH AS TO CONTRADICT THE WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN PRINCIPLE THAT PRIOR NOTIFICATION SHOULD COVER ALL EUROPE AND INVOLVE ALL PARTICIPANTS.

D. THERE SHOULD BE NO ARRANGEMENTS WHICH BY DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN CERTAIN TYPES OR LEVELS OF MILITARY MANOEUVRES, NATIONAL OR MULTINATIONAL, COULD ENABLE A PARTICIPATING STATE TO EXCLUDE NOTIFICATION OF A MANOEUVRE OF POLITICAL OR MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE.

ALL AGREEMENTS REACHED ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES SHOULD
BE SEEN AS PART OF A PACKAGE, AND SHOULD NOT THEREFORE BE SETTLED
INDEPENDENTLY. IN THE MEANTIME DETAILED QUESTIONS OF FIGURES
AND LANGUAGE IN TEXTS SHOULD NOT, IN VIEW OF THEIR DELICACY,
BE COMMITTED TO WRITING.
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